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9 June 1986 OCA: 86-1776

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

VIA:

The Deputy Director

FROM:

Dave Gries

SUBJECT:

Congressional Affairs and the IC Staff

Currently there is considerable overlap between the IC Staff and the Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA) with respect to managing Intelligence Community relations with Congress.

--OCA arranges Intelligence Community substantive intelligence briefings and NIO appearances on the Hill.

OCA issues codeword clearances for staffers on the H
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prepares the testimony for you and the DDCI.

--On the other hand, the IC Staff usually makes the arrangements with Intelligence Community agencies chosen to appear in support of you or the DDCI.

In addition, the Director of the IC Staff sometimes pursues direct contacts with the Hill. In most cases, there is no paper trail, no calendar, no record of what has been said or learned. This has been a particular source of confusion, on some occasions to the detriment of the Intelligence Community.

The impending change in leadership of the IC Staff and the possible return to NSA of one of the IC Staff's two congressional liaison officers makes this a suitable moment to change the system.

--With the exception of NFID-related contact with the Hill currently handled ably by the IC Staff should essentially move out of the congressional relations business.

--OCA should handle all aspects of Intelligence Community hearings (except NFIP hearings), thus giving you one place to turn for assistance on congressional relations.

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--OCA should supervise the one remaining congressional liaison officer on the IC Staff, directing this "outpost" officer to facilitate and track the new Director's activities on the Hill, NFIP-related contacts and written material on Congress that you request from the IC Staff.

Finally, the new Director should have the benefit of your guidance on what you wish him to do on the Hill. In my view, he should deal with the Hill as you and the DDCI do; namely, by participating in some of your breakfasts and lunches and visits to Hill offices, or on occasion making contacts alone that are prepared in advance and recorded for the record. He should not deal independently of you.



Intelligence Community Congressional Affairs

- NFIP hearings
- ICS congressional discussions on NFIP budget
- NIO appearances
- Intelligence briefings involving multiple agencies
- Operational briefings involving multiple agencies
- Granting codeword clearances for congressional staff
- Preparation of community testimony for DCI, DDCI and D/ICS
- Recommendation of community witnesses for testimony
- Facilitating congressional relations of DCI, DDCI and D/ICS

